

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-13-07 WAIVER 16-07**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the project listed on the attached document for the time period shown.

## **ISSUE:**

The Commission allocated \$650,000 for the construction of the locally-administered Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway Tourist Center (PPNO 2517C) State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project in Inyo County, identified on the attachment. The responsible agency has been unable to award the contract within six months of allocation. The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for the delay. The respective agency requests an extension, and the planning agency concurs.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Contract Award Deadline  
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount  <i>Construction Only</i>	Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	Inyo County Inyo County PPNO: 09-2517C Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway Tourist Center	\$650,000	08/27/2015 FP-15-09 6 Months 08/31/2016 Support
<p>Inyo County (County) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of contract award for the construction (CON) phase of the Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway Tourist Center project. The County experienced an unexpected delay in approval of its CON Authorization to Proceed (E76).</p> <p>The County prepared their CON E76 request and submitted it to the Department in October 2015. The CON E76 approval encountered a delay due to Federal Aid Data System/Fiscal Management Information System (FADS 3.0/FMIS 5.0) upgrade. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) experienced program glitches with FADS/FMIS and FHWA has since corrected the issue. Approval was granted in January 2016. The County anticipated awarding the project in January 2016, but the project includes tree removal and due to the bird nesting season beginning in mid-February, awarding the project in the next couple of months will lead to unanticipated and substantial environmental costs. Therefore, the County is requesting a six-month extension from February 29, 2016 to August 31, 2016 to avoid the additional environmental costs and, advertise, review bids and award the project.</p>			